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## Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2022 Green Valley / Sahuarita Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

PHOENIX, AZ, December 21, 2022 — Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has awarded nearly \$2.9 million to 41 projects in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico through our Community Investment Fund, including \$500,000 in Green Valley and Sahuarita.

Recipient organizations will receive their monetary awards and be recognized by Freeport-McMoRan and members of the Community Investment Committees during grant presentations this winter.

“The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation aims to provide resources, of which funding is only one part, to support communities and organizations as they focus on actions they can take to build resilience and the range of skills that may be needed to respond to opportunities and challenges,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation works to create a funding process that supports applicants and encourages them to think about the impact that will come from an investment in their work. This moves beyond reporting on outputs, but rather thinking through what change can occur from the work that will be done.

“Throughout 2022, we continued conversations with community stakeholders and partner organizations about the path to increasing resilience in their local communities. While the unknowns of a post-COVID reality persisted as an ongoing threat to resilience, partners also explored other topics that have and will affect their future well-being, such as the energy transition and climate change, mine transitions, economic diversification, and the changing future of work,” Bame said.

Community Investment Funds are led by seven to nine local leaders representing diverse organizations and two to three local Freeport-McMoRan representatives who determine grant recipients. These community leaders are selected by members of the local Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan more than 15 years ago to foster open and ongoing dialogue with the community. The process allows the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community needs.

Since 2012, more than \$5.8 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation in Green Valley and Sahuarita. The funds have been awarded to programs and projects that build community resilience and capacity. In 2022, \$500,000 was awarded to the following grant recipients:

**Mobile Meals of Tucson**

***Meals for Seniors Program – \$25,000***

Volunteers will be leveraged to provide more individuals with freshly prepared meals, supporting homebound seniors with mental and physical wellness support.

**Sahuarita Unified School District**

***Social Worker – \$275,000***

Funding will provide for the addition of two social workers for a two-year period to meet the mental health needs of students and staff within the Sahuarita Unified School District.

**Valley Assistance Services**

***Purposefully Built Capital Improvement Project – \$200,000***

Valley Assistance Services will expand and improve upon the critical social service programming it provides to its clients by making purposeful improvements and enhancements to its existing building.

For more information about Freeport-McMoRan community investments and programs, please contact Jessica Brack-Merrill at [jbrack@fmi.com](mailto:jbrack@fmi.com) or visit [FreeportInMyCommunity.com](http://FreeportInMyCommunity.com).

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